Pending appeals with Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal

135. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of appeals pending with the Customs, Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal at present;

(b) the number of appeals and stay petitions disposed of during 1991-92; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken for quick disposal of appeals in the tribunals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The number of appeals pending with the Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal (CEGAT) as on 31.10.92 is 49,135

(b) Appeals with stay petitions disposed of during 1991-92 are as under:—

(i) Appeals : 6494
(ii) Stay petitions: 4896

(c) Amongst the steps taken for early disposal of appeals are: bunching of appeals involving similar issues, listing of appeals disposable on the basis of earlier decisions of the Tribunal and Supreme Court and creation of additional Benches for Customs, Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal.

Quantity of Narcotic Drugs Seized

136. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of prohibited narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized and how many persons including foreigners were arrested under NDPS Act during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(b) what measures are proposed to be taken for effective prevention of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) (i) Quantities of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized under the NDPS Act 1985 during calender year 1990-1992 (in kg.) are as follows:—

Drug seized	1990	1991	1992 upto October
Opium	2114	2145	1585
Morphine	6	6	27
Heroin	2193	622	1034
Ganja	39090	52633	41290
Hashish	6388	4413	5024
Methaqualone	3141	4415	9072
Cocaine	1	0.008	0.350

(Figures for 1992 are provisional)

(ii) No. of persons arrested is as follows:—

(No. of foreigners included in the total are indicated in the brackets)

figures provisional)

1990	1991	1992 upto October
4392	5300	8763
(234)	(93)	(79)

(b) Instructions have been issued to all enforcement agencies to maintain the utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts under the stringent provisions contained in the NDPS Act.

Closure of Small Scale Industries due to resource crunch and credit squeeze by Banks

137. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of small scale industries are closed because of the resource crunch and credit squeeze by the Nationalised